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RUSSIANS CAPTURE 358,000 PRISONERS IN VAST OFFENSIVE

Campaign From June 4 to August 12 Inflicts Terrific Losses Upon Teuton Forces, is Official Claim at Petrograd.

Germans Hasten to Assist Austrians in Defense of Trieste—Italians Continue Successful Drive Along Isonzo Front.

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—Between June 4, when the Russian offensive was inaugurated, and August 12, General Brussiloff's forces captured more than 358,000 men, the war office announced today.

To Defend Trieste
Paris, Aug. 16.—It is reported that Germany is taking over the defenses of Trieste, sending troops especially organized for that purpose, says a despatch to the Temps from Milan today.

Italians Take Trenches
Rome, Aug. 16.—Further advances for the Italians in their campaign against the Austrians east and southeast of Gorizia were announced today by the war office. Austrian trenches along the slopes of Monte Pesinka, on the northern edge of the Carso plateau and in the neighborhood of San Caterina and San Marco, east of Gorizia, have been taken, the announcement states.

French and Italian
Aeros Raid Austria

Rome, Aug. 16.—A squadron of Italian hydro-aeroplanes, together with French aeroplanes and aeroplanes, this morning bombarded the munitions factories and hangar at Muggia, near Trieste, causing numerous destructive fires, says an official statement issued last night.

The French lost one aeroplane while resisting those of the enemy. Otherwise, the entire Franco-Italian squadron returned safely to its base.

Muggia as an Austrian seaport five miles southwest of Trieste. It is on the Gulf of Trieste and has an excellent harbor for warships.

Heavy Bombardment
Along Verdun Front

Paris, Aug. 16.—A violent bombardment was carried on last night on the Verdun front. Thiamont, Fleury, Vaux and Chaplitz, east of the Meuse.

Along the greater part of the front the night passed quietly, the official report issued today says.

Rumania Offered
Territory Grant
To Stay Neutral

Bucharest, Aug. 16.—The Epoca announces that Germany has offered territorial compensation to Rumania at the expense of Austria, in return for Rumanian neutrality in the war.

Germany Does Not
Oppose Purchase
of Isles By U. S.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—In view of reports that Germany was apprehensive over the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, the foreign minister, Gottlieb von Jagow, made the statement today that the German government was not opposed to such a transfer.

Dr. Von Jagow said, according to the Overseas News Agency, that the German policy was plainly stated by the Imperial Chancellor in his speech in the Reichstag on April 4, when he made known to everyone that Germany harbored no plans of aggression or annexation towards Canada, Brazil or any portion of America whatever.

Fine Saloonkeeper
\$50 For Violation of
State Liquor Law

Bernard J. Lee, proprietor of a cafe in Whiting street, which was raided Sunday, was fined \$50 in the city court today for selling on Sunday. Lawrence Shields, a frequenter, forfeited a \$15 bond.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature. Light, variable winds.

TROLLEYMEN MAY ORDER NEW STRIKE

New York, Aug. 16.—A tie-up of not only every surface line in Greater New York but elevated and subway lines as well was threatened today when William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees who, with other union leaders, yesterday charged Theodore P. Shonts, president of the New York Railways Company, with discharging strikers who had returned to work, interfering with the organization which ended the recent strike.

"If we do not get a satisfactory answer we will call a strike within 24 hours," Mr. Fitzgerald declared today, referring to a letter sent to President Shonts last night which is generally recognized as an ultimatum. A reply was demanded some time today.

HIT BY JITNEY, SOUTH END MAN SERIOUSLY HURT

Driver of Car Takes Victim to Home in Automobile, Then Disappears.

Struck by a jitney bus at State and Lafayette streets last night about 9:30 o'clock as he was crossing the street, Astan Months of 523 Lafayette street was seriously hurt and Doctor E. B. Weldon, who is attending him, believes that his ribs may be fractured. Months was said to have been crossing the street and was either dazed by the bright lights or did not see the machine, for he was struck by the front of the machine and knocked down. He managed to get up unassisted and walked over to the lawn of the Sea Side club where he lay down. The jitney driver turned back and placing Months in the machine, took him home.

Upon leaving Months at the house, the driver stated he would return this morning to see him but up to press hour had not put in an appearance. The jitney license is 410 and the state license number 26,436 which is issued to J. Elias of this city. No report of the accident was made to the police.

When Months was hurt, someone telephoned for the ambulance corps, but when Dr. C. C. Taylor responded, he had been taken away.

HENRY M. HOYT PURCHASES BIG TAYLOR ESTATE

Greens Farms Place, Saturated With Historic Lore, Changes Hands.

Henry M. Hoyt, Jr., reputed to be a wealthy actor living in New York, has purchased the old Edward J. Taylor estate on Morningside road, Greens Farms. The exchange took place in New York city yesterday under the direction of Alfred J. Wakeham, administrator of the estate.

The Taylor homestead is replete in historic lore of Greens Farms, having been built more than 100 years ago. While at first the homestead of the Taylor family, its spacious size even then attracted attention. Later its 35 rooms were turned into use as a summer boarding hotel, which during the early 50's gained considerable fame as a summer resort.

A few years ago it was converted into a sanitarium from which the big MacFarland institution sprang into its present prominence.

Some of the largest shade trees in Fairfield county abound on its 18 acres. An extensive view of the Sound is obtained in an easterly direction. It is reported that Mr. Hoyt will take occupancy as soon as extensive alterations have been completed.

Twin Puma Cubs Are Born In Bridgeport

Twin puma cubs were born to Princess, the prize of the puma den in the Col. Francis Ferrari Trained Wild Animal Arena on Tuesday afternoon. Although Bridgeport is the home of the Barnum & Bailey circus and has been for years there are the first puma cubs born here. Princess and her cubs now occupy a cage apart in the menagerie. The Col. Ferrari shows are part of the carnival which the Second District Republican club is presenting on the circus lot in the West End.

BIG SAND SHARK GIVES MERCHANT FURIOUS BATTLE

William K. Mix Armed With Spear Worst Fish Caught in Ebb Tide.

THREE SMALL ONES KILLED AT SEASIDE

Chauffeur Armed With Pitchfork Despatches Fish Near Shore at Park.

A fierce encounter with a sand shark off Milford point is reported by William K. Mix of this city and Geo. Tallmadge of Milford, who, while wading in about two feet of water this morning were brought in combat with the big fish.

But for the fact that both men were armed with spears with which they were seeking flatfish, the attack would probably have resulted disastrously. Half an hour was consumed in putting an end to the fish, during which repeated spear thrusts seemingly had little effect.

When measured before being brought to Bridgeport for display in the show window of the Wentworth Furniture Co., at 1013 Broad street, of which William K. Mix is president and treasurer, it was found to tape six feet five inches from tip to tip. The spread of the jaws is about eight inches. The weight is estimated at about 250 pounds.

Mr. Mix who lives at 3265 Main street, Bridgeport, had spent the night at the cottage of George Tallmadge, near Laurel Beach. Early this morning they left for Milford point with the idea of getting some flatfish. They had the ordinary short handled spear. While wading about the many estuaries they found themselves in the midst of a large inland pond formed by the receding tide. They were walking along usually when they were attracted to a thin object projecting above the water.

Its slight motion resembled a flatfish on edge and Mix started to spear it when there was a sudden turmoil of the water about him. Water and spray enveloped him as the tall and thin of the big shark thrashed about. Wentworth standing some twenty feet distant was attracted by the shouts of Mix who in his surprise had presence of mind to thrust his sharp pointed instrument into the body of the shark which seemingly faced him. The spear entered directly behind the gills of the big fish, in the fleshy part of the body.

For a moment the fish lay dormant and then began renewed efforts to extricate himself from the shallow depth. Tallmadge, up to his waist in water, thrust several times, each shot taking effect until the spear was wrenched from his grasp. Both men now awake to the situation and keen for a capture used their weapons with varying results. Finally after a series of prods, their efforts were crowned with success and they soon had a rope about the monster and towed it to the shore from which it was brought to Bridgeport for exhibition purposes.

In the store window on Broad street today it attracted wide attention, many asserting that it was a real "man-eater." The type of jaws and fins, however, indicate that it is a large species of the sand-shark. It is one of the largest ever caught in these waters.

CHAUFFEUR KILLS SHARKS AT PARK

Three sand sharks were found this morning in the waters off of Barnum's monument at Seaside. One was killed by a severe battle were killed by Richard J. Granville who discovered them in the shallow water as he was walking along the seawall. News of the capture spread quickly through the city and all morning an excited, curious crowd lined the seawall to get a glimpse of the fish.

About 8:30 o'clock this morning, Granville, who is chauffeur for William B. Leigh of Waldemere avenue, was taking his morning walk through the park and as he reached the seawall at Barnum's monument, looked out over the water and saw a large fin protruding from the surface, some distance from the shore. After watching for several minutes, he surmised that the creature was a shark and returning to the garage put on old clothing and a pair of hip boots.

Armed with a garden fork, Granville returned to the beach and walked out into the water, which was at low tide. He walked in back of the shark, which was beating its tail in the water and by jabbing it with the fork, managed to force it into shallow water.

When the first shark had been subdued by Granville he turned about and saw another in his wake. He repeated his performance only to find still another in the water near him. All three were captured in the same manner.

Sergeant Alpheus Goulden of the police department removed the sharks later in the morning.

PROHIBITIONISTS MEET.

Elmira, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The state Prohibition convention opened here today with more than 300 delegates present, representing nearly every district in the state. State Chairman Bishop announced that he had received word from Thomas Mott Osborne that he would not accept the nomination for governor.

TENT IS STOLEN.

Police are looking for a \$15 tent which was stolen from the yard of J. W. Flood's house at 208 Capitol avenue, last night. It is believed that boys, bent on a camping trip, have taken the tent.

TROLLEY IN WILD DASH; 26 INJURED

Electric Car in Providence Gets Beyond Control of Motorman and Dashes Into Another—Wrecked Car Crushes Huge Automobile Truck.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 16.—Twenty-six persons were injured, one probably fatally, today when an electric car which got beyond control at Emplre and Weybosset streets, crashed into another car, shoving it with great force against a heavy coal truck.

Eight of the injured, including Bernard J. Grimes, whose spine was broken, were removed to a hospital.

While Grimes' condition was regarded as critical, physicians said none of the others was dangerously hurt.

Most of the passengers of the car escaped, with slight bruises or minor cuts from flying glass.

The motor truck was demolished, John Mingo, the driver, being among the injured.

SOPHIAN URGES ANOTHER CLINIC FOR BRIDGEPORT

Would Have Private Funds Supply Post- Recovery Care For Polio Babes.

To prevent permanent incapacitation, Dr. Abraham Sophian, is urging that private funds establish a clinic in Bridgeport for the treatment of infantile paralysis patients who recover. Subscriptions totalling \$10,000 will establish a clinic for a year that will have the effect of saving Bridgeport babies from lives as cripples.

Some of the patients in Hillside home will be discharged within three weeks, but their period of convalescence should average about a year. During that time, if they do not have ample orthopaedic treatment, they are likely to have permanent disabilities. The parents of many are poor.

For this reason Dr. Sophian is suggesting a central clinic, with a staff of nurses, where parents may bring their children for treatment. The clinic should be established in rented quarters or in the offices of a physician, he believes.

The Bridgeport victims of the plague are receiving exceptionally good treatment, Dr. Sophian said. Besides the physician constantly in attendance, and daily visits from a local orthopaedist, they have the advantages of the regular examination by the diagnosticians of the Bridgeport medical society and of weekly treatment by Dr. Virgil P. Glibney of New York.

The normal horse serum, human serum and drenchin treatment have been given the Bridgeport patients from the very beginning; mostly the horse serum treatment.

Dr. Sophian wouldn't comment today on the state board of health's recommendation that schools be opened at the regular time. Regarding the local situation, he said:

"The schools should and will be closed. It is perfectly logical. It requires no effort to keep them closed, while it might make a great fuss to close them once they are opened. People might be excited groundlessly."

Dr. Sophian commended the work of the housing organizations of the city today, calling attention to the manner in which many cities have sprung up without any definite planning. He said Bridgeport is making a beginning in the right direction.

Temperament house conditions here are still poor, he said, mainly because of overcrowding.

Nelle Boywid, aged 11, of 1159 Howard avenue, who has been an infantile paralysis suspect, died last evening of tuberculosis, according to the health department records.

Evelyn Eck, aged three, of 481 Broad street, was taken to Hillside home today as a poliomyelitis suspect. Her sister, Ida, aged 13 months, is already there.

Signs were placed in all the Fairfield stores yesterday by order of Health Officer William T. Nagle, forbidding any child 12 years or under, to enter.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN NEW YORK VICTIMS

New York, Aug. 16.—A slight decrease in deaths and new cases in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was noted today in the health department's bulletin on the progress of the scourge. During the 24 hours preceding 10 a. m., the plague killed 34 children in the five boroughs of New York city and 113 were stricken. This compares with yesterday's figures of 39 deaths and 163 new cases. Since the inception of the disease in June, 6,335 cases have been reported to the health department, 1,497 of which proved fatal.

ADULT VICTIM IN STAMFORD.

Stamford, Aug. 16.—Frank Briggs, 32 years old, of New Canaan, died at the hospital here today of infantile paralysis. Briggs' death is the first of an adult in this city from the disease.

ARTHUR CONNOR TO GET JOB OF ATTY. GEDULDIG

Examiner of Liens Finally Lands Clerkship of Board of Appraisal.

LAWYER'S FRIENDS BECOMING "PEEVED"

Say He Sacrificed Himself in Fourth District For Party's Good.

At the meeting of the board of appraisal of benefits and damages to-night Arthur F. Connor, member of the Republican town committee from the Twelfth district, will be chosen clerk to succeed Attorney Abe S. Geduldig. When Mr. Connor was elected examiner of liens at a salary of \$2,200 per year it was arranged that he should be clerk of the appraisal board and receive the \$800 yearly salary that goes with the position.

Because Mr. Connor could not leave his position in the motor vehicle department of the secretary of state's office in time to take the position when the Clerk Geduldig's term expired July 1, Attorney Geduldig was continued in office until the present time.

Attorney Geduldig lives in the Fourth district and has been an active worker there. He accepted the Republican nomination for alderman there when it was certain that no one but a Democrat could be elected. He has tried for a position in the city court and his friends do not take kindly to the arrangement which bows him out from public life.

FISHERMEN LOSE COMRADE WHILE CROSSING SOUND

Fishing Trip to Port Jefferson Ends Disastrously for Stalwart Swimmer.

Rasmus Peterson, aged 26, a stalwart swimmer, and for several years a sailor, was drowned under strange circumstances in Long Island Sound, near Port Jefferson harbor, Saturday afternoon.

The story of Peterson's death was told in Stratford today by Mrs. James Bierholm, whose husband and brother-in-law were members of the fisher-in-law party of Saturday, which ended fatally for Peterson.

There is a suspicion that Peterson may have ended his life, the story being current that his garments were weighted with stones when he went overboard. This story lacks corroboration. The Port Jefferson authorities are investigating the drowning. Neither of the Bierholm brothers can shed much light on the drowning. Fred Steuer, who like Peterson, boarded at the Bierholm residence, is detained in Port Jefferson.

Mrs. Bierholm's story was told in Stratford today.

The two Bierholm brothers, Mrs. Bierholm, Steuer and Peterson left the Bierholm residence, 2,449 Main street, Stratford, Saturday, to fish in the Sound. Leaving Port Jefferson, Saturday afternoon, they encountered engine trouble in their motor boat. Peterson was seated at the stern. The attention of all the others was riveted on the engine adjustment for some minutes, until Steuer called to Peterson to assist. He received no response, and then for first time the fishers discovered the absence of their comrade.

In the water, nearby, were bubbles that they suspected indicated the presence of the missing man. They peered about and a cruise about, but to no avail. They saw no further trace of Peterson.

Completing their engine repairs they turned back to Port Jefferson, to report the tragedy to the authorities. Other boatmen joined in the search for the body, but up to this afternoon no word of its recovery had reached Stratford.

The drowned man, with the Bierholms and Steuer worked at carpentry. Little is known of his family connections. He was reputed to be unusually skillful in the water, and thoroughly familiar with the handling of all sorts of craft.

CONTINUE CASES OF YOUTHS WHO TOOK CAR

The cases of six young men of the West End, charged with taking an automobile without permission was continued until tomorrow in the city court today. George Carroll of 1351 State street and William Gaynor of 172 Black Rock avenue were released in bonds of \$50 each while the bonds of Edward Unger of 834 Hancock avenue, Harold Broderick of 86 Wood avenue, Leo Hawley of 144 Colorado avenue, and John Conroy of 32 Colorado avenue were set at \$10 each.

They were arrested by Detectives Washburn and Seery after they had abandoned in Stratford the machine owned by Edward Belvin of 1259 State street.

KINAIRY JAILED.

John Kinairy of 181 Hurd avenue was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to four months in jail in the city court today for resistance to a policeman and creating a breach of the peace. He refused to submit to arrest by Special Policeman Kieley and is alleged to have knocked the policeman down.

TRAINMEN WILL VISIT PRESIDENT

Brotherhood Chairmen, Numbering 640, Start For Washington This Afternoon In Response To Invitation To White House Conference—Travel in Two Special Trains—Plan For Settling All Railroad Disputes is Projected While Officials Await Arrival of Employees.

New York, Aug. 16.—The invitation of President Wilson to the 640 general chairmen of the four brotherhoods of railroad employees to meet him in Washington to consider his proposals for settlement of the threatened railroad strike was accepted by the men here today and announcement made that they would leave early this afternoon on special trains for the national capital.

The President's invitation was conveyed to the men by W. S. Carter, head of the firemen's brotherhood, who addressed them at a fully attended meeting.

"No organization can afford to ignore an invitation from the President of the United States," were the words used, it was learned, by the man who moved to accept the invitation and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Carter said he had not been authorized to disclose the nature of the President's proposals to the men, it having been understood that the President himself should be the first to lay his plans before them. It was understood here that the meeting with the President was to take place tomorrow afternoon.

WAITING FOR WORKMEN, PRESIDENT POSTPONES FURTHER NEGOTIATING

Washington, Aug. 16.—President Wilson decided today to postpone further conferences with the representatives of the railroads and employees on the threatened railroad strike until tomorrow when he will receive the general committee of 640 workmen in the east room of the White House.

In the meantime, the committee of managers here and the general committee of the employees will meet to discuss tentative plans now before them.

In the meantime, the President, through Judge William L. Chambers, of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation, will keep in close touch with the representatives of each side. No engagement has been made for the managers' committee but it is probable that the President will see them some time tomorrow.

The plan on which the President is working is to put into effect the eight hour day and have a federal commission investigate collateral issues and make recommendations. Details of the plan have not been worked out but it was said to be possible today that if the railroads concede an eight hour day the employees will be urged to give up their demands for time and a half for overtime.

The halt in the negotiations has been caused primarily by the fact that the brotherhood leaders, who have been meeting with the President, must refer all important questions back to their general committee in New York. President Wilson decided time would be saved and better results achieved if the 640 members of the general committee were brought to Washington and met him directly. Therefore, it was decided to hold a general meeting at the White House Thursday.

Representatives of the railroad managers were favorable to the plan in principle. It was realized, on all hands, however, that the proposal was merely in the status of a suggestion which must pass the test at further conferences with the President.

RAILROADS AVER CITY SHOULD PAY TURNBACKS' FARE

Protest Carrying Back Rejected Children From New York Free of Charge.

Because of the frequency with which the nurses in the employ of the health department have turned back children of less than 10 years of age, who have come from New York, the railroad officials are protesting about taking the passengers back to their starting point, it became known today.

It is the contention of the railroad that the city should pay. Dr. Abraham Sophian, it is understood, took up the matter today and gave orders that all cases of this kind be reported to Stationmaster Peter Hunt. It is said the railroad will continue to carry back the children, under protest, until other arrangements are made.

The nurses at the railroad station have had spirited arguments with incoming persons, who maintain it is unconstitutional to keep them out of the city because they have children. Their pleas have been unavailing.

Delay in fostering the growth of Bridgeport's housing as contemplated by the Bridgeport Housing company, formed under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, has resulted from inability of the incorporators to meet.

Vacation time which finds many of Bridgeport's most prominent capitalists and business men away from the city has hampered operations. David S. Day, under whose direction the legal end of the business has been conducted, is absent from the city. George Gove, secretary of the Chamber, also is away.

H. H. DeLoss, interested in both the housing company and the chamber, spent a few minutes in the office this morning, during which he said little progress had been made towards organization of the company and formation of the board of directors but that action was expected on Monday.

Charles G. Sanford, president of the Chamber, continued on page 7.